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Housing Working Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 15, 2009

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Cook County Conference Room

Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Nora Boyer, Paul Colgan, Beth Dever, Adam Dontz, Nancy Firfer, Paul Leder, Nicole Nutter

Staff Present: Lee Deuben, Bob Dean, Andrew Williams-Clark, Annie Byrne, Erin

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Others Present:

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by committee Co-Chair, Beth Dever

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Announcement- Beth Dever informed the committee that an event scheduled for October 29th, titled After the Shock: Preparing for the Future Housing Market is moving forward. The event is co-sponsored by the Urban Land Institute, CMAP, Metropolis 2020 and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. The event will be an opportunity for municipal officials, developers and financial institutions to have a candid discussion about the future of the housing market and what needs to happen to get things moving again. Paul Colgan stressed that the sponsors of the event should assure adequate representation from the private sector.

Announcement: Nicole Nutter of the Regional Transportation Authority announced that the proposed amendment to the RTA's strategic plan was approved by the RTA's board. The amendment includes a housing policy that supports all types of housing via transit. Next, the RTA will be looking at revising criteria for evaluating community planning programs based on the new policy. RTA's goal is to tie policy to funding criteria. Ms. Nutter also announced a new website entitled: www.newurbanpropertyservices.com which identifies housing for sale within a defined radius from transit. It is a private sector funded project that includes all MLS listings. She encouraged housing committee members to look at the site.

3.0 Approval of Minutes- August 20, 2009

A call for a motion to approve the minutes of the August housing committee, as presented, and a motion was made by Paul Leder and seconded Nancy Firfer. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 ARRA Coordinating Council and Upcoming Mercy Housing Event, Annie Byrne Provided the housing committee a brief overview of a CMAP initiative to coordinate stimulus dollars across the region through the formation of the Regional ARRA Coordinating Council (RACC). RACC is comprised of representatives from a number of partner organizations, including many members of the housing committee. RACC provides stimulus updates, news and communication through a bi-weekly electronic newsletter and the Regional Response blog on CMAP's website. CMAP staff also plans to track stimulus spending in the region on a quarterly basis. Ms. Byrne also announced an upcoming event hosted by Mercy Housing, on October 27th. The event will recognize the work of the ARRA coordinating council and will include a panel discussion with members from RACC.

5.0 GO TO 2040 Summer Engagement Activity Results, Erin Aleman

Erin Aleman provided a brief recap of CMAP's summer public engagement results for the *GO TO 2040* plan. Between June 1st and September 10th CMAP engaged a total of 1,500 participants at full workshops, 2,800 at fairs and festivals, 2,200 through online activity. Ms. Aleman thanked the committee for assisting with outreach and helping to promote CMAP's events throughout the summer.

6.0 GO TO 2040 Housing Innovation Indicators, Andrew Williams Clark

Andrew Williams Clark provided the committee with a revised list of survey questions on housing innovation indicators. He indicated that the questions will probably be phrased as "yes" or "would like to learn more". Beth Dever suggested adding an "other" category whereas Nora Boyer suggested "in progress". Mr. Williams-Clark indicated that CMAP was interested in tracking concrete changes. Adam Dontz suggested that the process of change should be captured when municipalities are "in process" of review codes and fee's and suggested that perhaps "pending approval" might be language that would work.

The housing committee then discussed the upcoming "After Shock "event in more detail. Adam Dontz suggested providing a macro level view on how municipalities need to change and adapt in the near and long term. Paul Colgan suggested using the flu shot analogy to frame what needs to be done immediately to get the cost of housing down. There was general consensus that the discussions should be framed in terms of short term and long term strategies.

7.0 GO TO 2040 Scenario Conclusions, Bob Dean

Bob Dean provided an updated draft of the preferred scenario memo. He commented that these were preliminary findings but that the bullets included in the memo on housing will likely be included in the preferred scenario for housing. He also discussed the next steps

for the agency once the plan is completed and implementation begins.

8.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments

9.0 Other Comments

There we no other comments

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There were no public comments.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Housing Working Committee is Thursday, October 15^{th} 2009 at 9:00 am in the CMAP offices.

4.0 Adjournment

A call for a motion to adjourn was made and a motion was made by Paul Leder and seconded by Nora Boyer. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Deuben